We must keep that flag; where it ever has stood,
In front of the Free, the Wise, and the Good!
And fight and fall, at our Country's Call,
To defend the Flag of the People!

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[illegible] days it is a hard thing to be sick here it aint like being sick at home I have had on my tent and the sweat rolling off of me and then again I would be cold cold and such misery that I couldent sleep only like after ten o'clock and then I could get some sleep I am up at the Hospital now and it is better than it is down and the tent dont keep the Hospital is foul about Half of the Regt. is sick with the fever ours most of ten this is every where well ones

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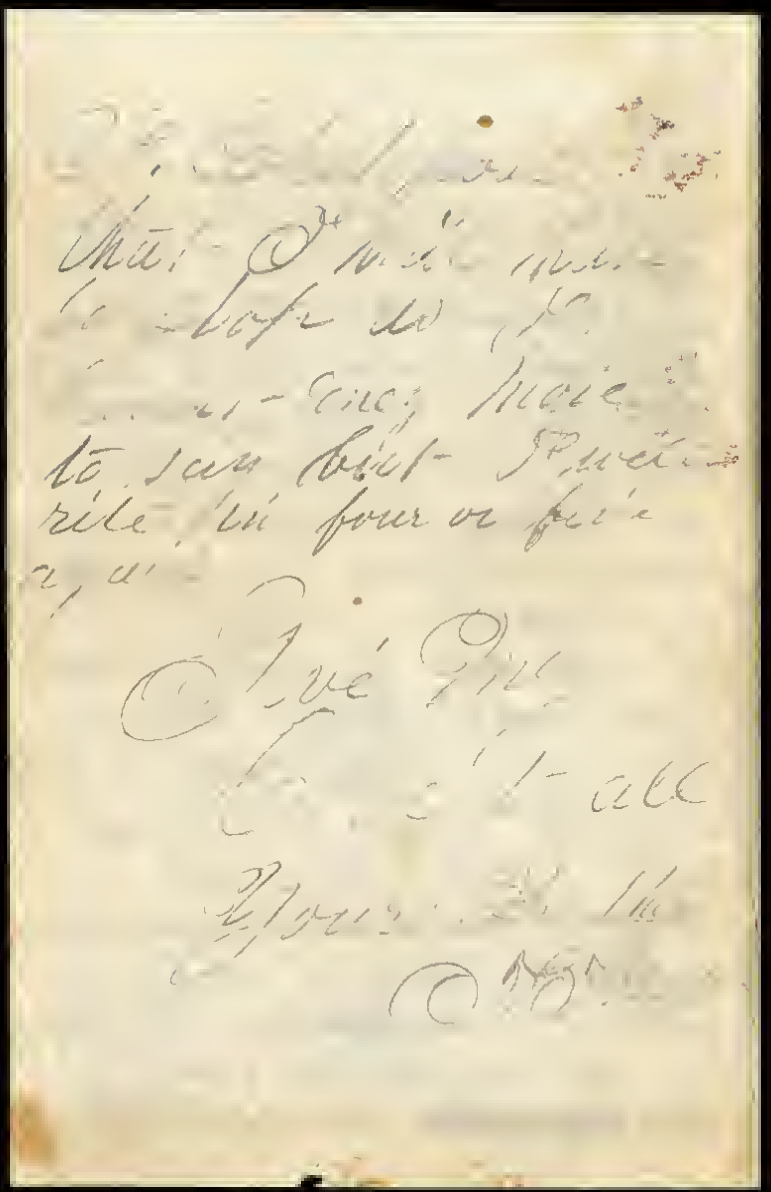
all of our [illegible] es'
Dick the boys that are
well have great times
a shooting at the rebbles
they have been call out
three times they expect
and actuate sure You
Sis Mary Bates is sick
with the fever I never saw
to pitty her She thinks of
home all the time Hows
sick about Little Eddy
Ivy and Father and all
the rest Now I would
like to see you all
but I am here and I
resolve Effect to see you
all till nabel two Years
or it might be very
Six months



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